



# Summer Newsletter



*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." - Galatians 5:22-23a*



The hustle and bustle of Summer Camp 2023 is underway as I sit and write this newsletter on the first day of Camp. There is so much excitement in the air as kids are coming off the bus and getting a warm greeting from our amazing team of senior youth and young adults who have dedicated their summer to serving God and helping us fulfill our mission to lead young people to a growing and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ through adventure in creation. We are excited to see a slight increase in campers from last summer with our current registrations at 540. If you haven't signed up your child for camp yet, there's still time, but you better hurry because registrations are still coming in and we're running out of space!

With all the stimulation and fun activities like High Ropes, Archery, Waterfront, Creator's Studio, Homesteading, and Mountain Bikes, it's so amazing to see that our campers are also hungry for God's Word! There is something so heartwarming about watching kids reading the Bible together or sitting alone in the shade of one of our big trees diving deep into learning more about God, His beautiful creation, and the redeeming work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We want to continue to provide fertile soil to help our staff and campers grow in their faith and the fruit of the spirit, and we ask that you continue to pray for God's will to be done at Camp Arnes, that God will bring us campers that need to hear the truth of the Gospel, and that it will all be done in a way that's pleasing and glorifying to our wonderful Creator!



*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of Eternity. Amen." - 2 Peter 3:18*

# Meet A Team Member

**Name:** Jared Olojan

**Title:** Summer Ministries Leader

**State Date:** June 2018

**Favorite Bible Verses:** 2 Timothy 2:13

## **Why serve at Camp Arnes?**

Jared's role as Summer Ministries Leader has him preparing themes, Bible studies, devotions, chapel, and worship times during the Summer and developing programming to connect campers with churches in the off-season to continuously grow in our relationships within our church community.



Jared started serving at Camp Arnes in summer of 2018 as a cabin leader and joined our team as a year-round staff at the beginning of 2020. When asked why he enjoys working at Camp Arnes, he answered, "I've been drawn to what God is doing here at Camp. Seeing kids get interested in the Word and know Jesus more and more is super life giving and I'm so glad God called me to be a part of this amazing work!"

His favorite Bible verse is 2 Timothy 2:13 because it's a good reminder of God's loving patience towards him and encourages Jared to depend on God every day.

*"if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself."  
- 2 Timothy 2:13*

# Join our Team!

Are you or somebody that you know interested in joining our year-round team? Do you want to use your gifts and talents to serve an organization where everything that you do feels like it has a bigger purpose? We're looking to fill the following positions at Camp Arnes:

**Head Cook/Kitchen Manager** – Year-Round, Full-Time.  
Accommodations available for the right candidate!

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Maintenance & Repairs
- Dining Hall & Kitchen
- Housekeeping & Laundry



**For more information, reach out at [arnes@camparnes.com](mailto:arnes@camparnes.com) or click [HERE!](#)**

*"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"  
-Psalm 90:17*

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

**75 Weeks of Stories** – We want to hear your stories! Camp Arnes will be highlighting a story every week for the next 75 weeks about our community and how we've grown over the last 75 years. Please contact us to be part of this project!

**Interlake Outdoor Show** – Sept 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in Arborg, MB. We're bringing activities, so come check it out.

**Seniors Retreat** – Sept 2023. After a long hiatus, it's returning to Camp Arnes. You might want to start practicing your shuffleboard techniques now!

**Fall Supper** – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Come join us for our annual fall supper and bring a pie to donate to our auction!

**Staff Alumni Retreat** – Late Oct 2023. Want to reconnect with Camp and others that you built relationships with? Come join us for a weekend that's sure to be filled with good memories, laughter, and heart-felt stories of lives being changed.

*More information call us, email us, visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)*

## URGENT NEEDS!

Thank you so much to everybody who contributed to the replacement of the roof on our dining hall! The work was a success, and we all think the green roof looks amazing, but see for yourself in the picture. Thanks to Temple Metal Roofing for the amazing work.



We still have some large projects that we need to start. As you can imagine, with aging infrastructure at Camp, we are constantly in need of replacing or repairing some of our major equipment. Here's a list of items that we need to address. If you have the capacity to contribute to any of these projects, please prayerfully consider doing so and reach out to us at 204-338-4647 or [execdirector@camparnes.com](mailto:execdirector@camparnes.com) to discuss how your donation will make a major impact on the work being done at Camp Arnes!

- Replace the original flooring in Poplar Grove: \$25,000
- New Doors for our Walk-in Freezer and Cooler: \$12,000
- Freezer Compressor Unit: \$8,500
- Walk-in Cooler Compressor: \$7,500
- Major repairs for our Camp Truck: \$5,000
- Raised Garden Beds \$2,500
- Provincial Highway Signs \$1,500

### New ways to give:

**Amazon Wishlist:** Want to donate some of the day-to-day items for Camp Arnes, but you're not sure what we need? Just click [HERE!](#) and you'll be taken to our Amazon Wishlist, where you can see some of the items that we need at Camp. All you do is choose the items you'd like to purchase for us, check-out, and Amazon will send the items directly to us!

We are currently developing a monthly donor program for those of you who want to contribute and keep things simple! The details will be out shortly – stay tuned for more information.

# Prayer Requests

- The development of our new and return programs and skills.
- That God will continue to bless us with donations, giving us the vital finances to complete urgent repairs and keep up with building needs.
- That we can plant many seeds of hope as we serve our community.
- That God will continue to guide Camp's leadership team in making decisions that are pleasing to Him.
- Our team listed below and their ability to form meaningful connections with our campers during the summer and guests that visit us year-round.



*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

*-Philippians 4:6*

## Directors

Gerry Loewen - CEO  
Chris Buffington – Executive Director  
Jim Croy – Operations Director

## Office

Carol Dueck – Accounting  
Angelika Fletcher – Health Officer  
Katie Romas – Bookings/Registrar  
Lynda Kjartanson – Office Manager  
Sandy Croy - Volunteer Coordinator  
Ash Khalil – EQUIP  
Andrew Stienstra – Program Leader  
Kim Hartman – Program Leader  
Jared Olojan – Summer Ministries  
Leader  
Emmanuel Ogieva - Media  
Nathan Burr – Media

## Camp Life Leaders

Cayden Loewen  
Ingrid Konrad  
Jaden Esquejo  
Nettie Dyck  
Zach Churchill

Malachi Khalil - CREW

## Cabin Leads

Aaron Griffin  
Abraham Matthews  
Andre Schau  
Angel Meleche  
Chichetaram Onuzo  
Chloe Ketler  
Gabriel Calvadores  
Hayley Toet  
Jacob Hermida Morales  
Jaden Jenson  
Jesse Valiquette  
Kiera Dewitt  
Marcus Feakes  
Maria Trites  
Nancy Wollman  
Nicole Alvarado  
Noah Green  
Pyper Motuz  
Rebekah Loiselle  
Stephen Dueck  
William Josh Lihoc

## Cabin Buddies

Hannah Sutherland  
Fitzaje Chuhiwon

## Tuck Shop Coordinator

Keeley Wiebe

## Housekeeping

Eva Metzler  
Rose Dembowski  
Tracey Driscoll

## Activities

Ben Hordyk – Bike Staff  
Emma Rempel – Creator's Studio  
Emerald Khalil-Creator's Studio  
Isabelle Boon – Lifeguard Assistant  
Heidi Khalil - Homesteading  
Joshua Veldman – Archery  
Jubilee Khalil – Creator's Studio  
Jericho Dixon – Bike Staff  
Kayla Zalischuk - Lifeguard  
Nathan Stienstra – Waterfront  
Maggie Warkentin - Homesteading  
Mitchell Haip – Lifeguard  
Raison Alday – Activity Staff

## Kitchen/Dining Hall

Flavia Ruiz  
Pavlo Shymushovskiy  
Brittany Mercier  
Jessica Croy  
Josiah Laudato  
Shelly Kilmury

## Maintenance

Kevin Ehrich  
Fabio Ruiz